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1. Organization and History of Soviet Construction Headquarters

From 1945 to 1949, the chief construction staff was stationed in Berlin-Niederschöneweide. Subsequently, it moved to Leipzig. Chief of the staff was Lieutenant Colonel Shubnikov (fnu) from 1945 to 1950, Colonel Ziruk (fnu) from 1950 to early 1953, and Colonel Litvinov (fnu) from early 1953 to the middle of 1954. The following construction staffs were subordinate to the chief construction staff:

Construction Staff No 101 - Frankfurt/Oder, bridge building
Construction Staff No 102 - Schwedt/Oder
Construction Staff No 103 - Oderbruch
Construction Staff No 104 - Mescherin near Gesow, Tantow District

The chief construction staff and its subordinate construction staffs originated from the former Soviet dismantling details.

2. Construction Staff No 104/101

In late October 1946, Construction Staff No 104 from Karlshagen was charged with dismantling work of the Peenemuende rocket testing station. In 1949 when dismantling work was completed, the construction staff was redesignated Construction Staff No 101. There is also the possibility that Staffs Nos 101 and 104 were merged.

Prior to July 1950, Construction Staff No 101 built the outer freight ring of the Oranienburg-Buch railroad line. At that time, the staff was stationed in Schoenewalde, south of Basdorf/Niederbarnim. In July 1950, the staff was transferred to Schwarzenberg to construct the second track of the Aue-Johanngeorgenstadt line. In November 1951, the staff started construction work on the Paritz-Niederneuendorfer by-pass canal. In July 1952, it was charged with construction work at Vietmannsdorf airfield.

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3. Construction Staff No 101 at Vietnamsdorf Airfield

Chief	Lieutenant Colonel Pshenkov (fnu)
Chief engineer	Lieutenant Colonel Romanenko (fnu)
Chief of planning section	Lieutenant Colonel Oleinik (fnu)
Charged with sub-surface construction work	Engineer Major Kopnin (fnu)
Charged with above-ground construction work	Engineer Major Sharov (fnu), was retransferred to the USSR in early 1954; his successor is not known
German engineer for above-ground construction work	Heinrich Linke, belonged to the Dresden railroad district headquarters and presumably returned to this headquarters between May and July 1954
German engineer for subsurface construction work	Karlmann Haebling, was presumably taken over by the staff in Werdau after the construction staff was dissolved
German engineer	Wiede (fnu), presumably returned to the Dresden railroad district headquarters in July 1954

Construction Staff No 101 employed 450 workers and employees in August 1952, 125 men between September 1952 and December 1953, and 300 to 400 men after December 1953. The staff supervised construction work on the entire airfield and was also charged with the construction of the cantonment. It transferred by rail to Frankfurt/Oder between May and July 1954. It is assumed that it returned to the USSR.

4. Baumann Brandenburg

The Brandenburg Baumann was generally charged with construction work of runways and taxiways. It employed about 1,000 men in 1952, about 3,000 men in 1953, and 1,000 to 1,200 men in mid-July 1954.

5. Soviet Engineer Soldiers

Between 1952 and approximately January 1953, a detail of Soviet engineers was stationed at Vietnamsdorf airfield for clearing work and construction work on barracks.

6. Soviet Construction Company

Since May 1954, a Soviet construction company has been stationed at Vietnamsdorf airfield. Members of this company stated that the company had formerly been employed in Berlin Wuhlheide. The company was equipped with planers and rollers for work on the security strips which subsequently were sown with grass.

7. Soviet Guard Company

From 1952, when construction work was started at Vietnamsdorf airfield to mid-July 1954, a guard company of 60 men with 3 officers and the company chief Major Naumov (fnu) was stationed at the field. The company was subordinate to the komendatura in Templin, presumably on Bahnhof Strasse.

Comment. Most of the statements on the Soviet construction staff which, in various reports, was called "Construction Staff Litvinov, Leipzig", were reported previously. The chiefs of the staff, namely Lieutenant Colonel Shubnikov from 1945 to 1950 and Colonel Ziruk from 1950 to 1953 are reported for the first time. It is possible that source confused Colonel Ziruk with Colonel Kirik who was chief of the construction staff in Schorfheide from late 1952 to April 1953. The German engineers Linke and Wiede are unknown, while the information on Engineer Haebling was received previously. The correctness of the reported labor strength of the Soviet construction staff cannot be verified. The transfer of the construction staff to the east was reported previously. The Soviet guard company was withdrawn from Schorfheide in July 1954. Company chief Naumov is reported for the first time. The reported labor strength of about 3,000 men employed with the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg in 1953 is too high. About 2,000 men were actually employed there at that time.

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